

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner HE has indicated that claims 6-12 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon the rejected claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accord with this recommendation, claim 5 has been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features of claims 4, 5 and 6 to identify a contactor as a plate having a plurality of selectable conductive contactor fingers, and, further, to indicate that the contact position is selectable by bending of one or more contactor fingers relative to the plate.

The dependent claims 4, 6 and 7 have been amended for consistency with now allowable basic claim 1. Further, claims 6 and 7 have been amended to correct their dependency from deleted claim 5 to claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by aforementioned amendment and entry thereof is earnestly solicited.

Further, in view of these amendments, the claimed invention is now both novel and inventive over the prior art of record. Accordingly, an early allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

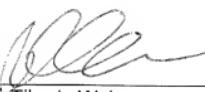
Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a) accompanied by the EFT payment in the amount of \$ 60.00 required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a)(1)

If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to the Deposit Account No. 07-1730, Docket No. 211-263. A duplicate copy of this Communication is attached for that purpose.

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